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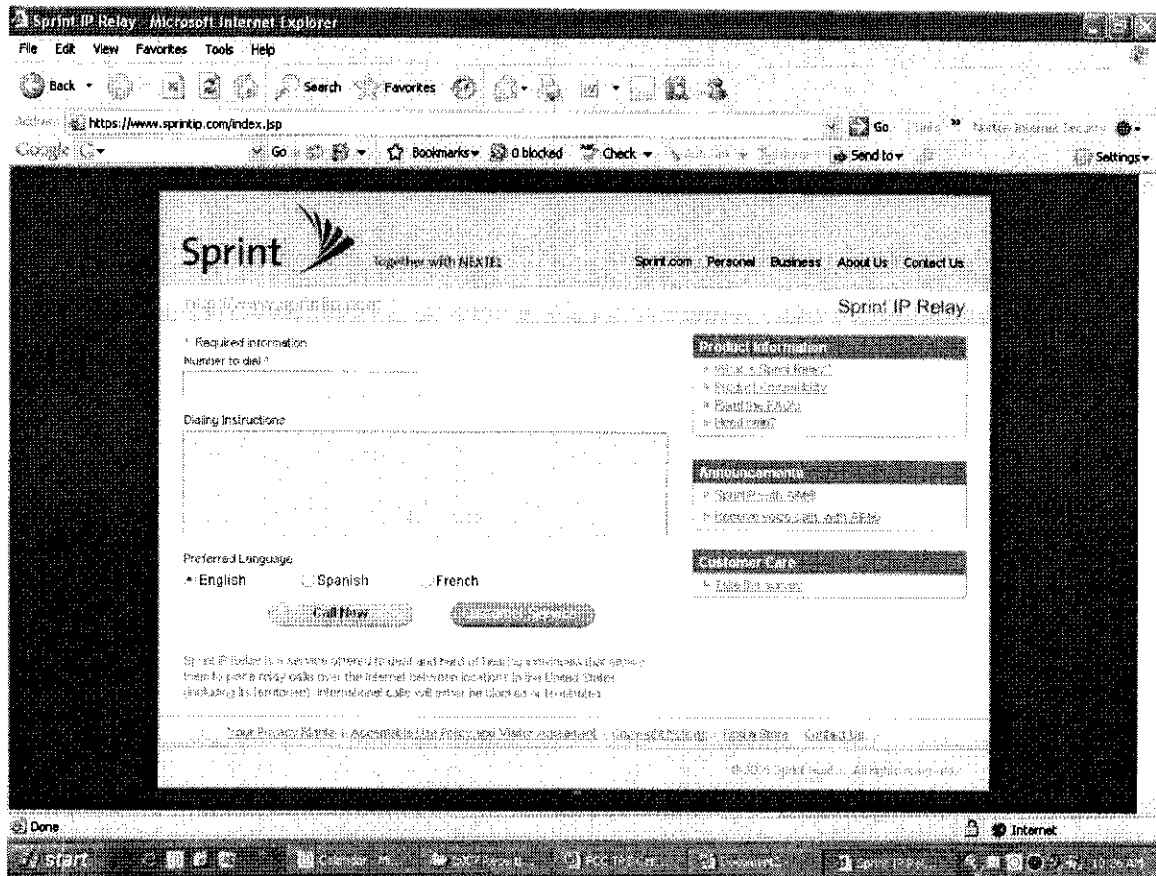
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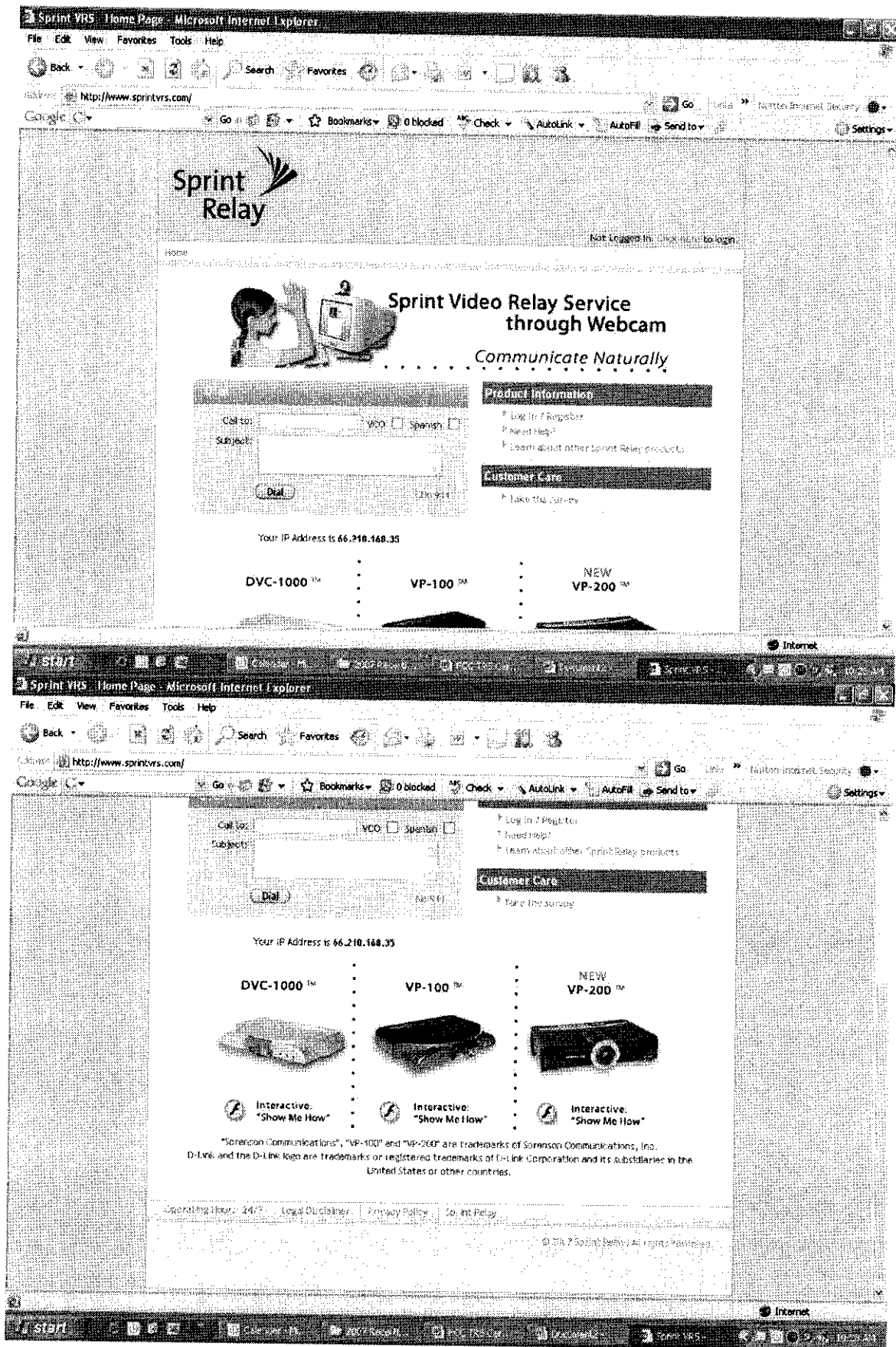
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Identity Giveaways (Magnets, Pens, stickers, etc.)	Education Articles via Local Group Newsletters	Instructional Business Cards
Brochures with State Logo including: Standard Print Braille Large Print, Spanish, Instructional flyers	PowerPoint Slide Presentations	STS Marketing
Relay Oklahoma Advisory Committee	Instructional flyers	VCO Marketing
Targeted marketing	News Releases	HCO Marketing
Strategic Planning	Public Service Announcements	Trade Shows and Display Booths
	TRS Instructional Video	Annual Consumer Events
	Focus groups and Town Hall Meetings	Logo

Events/Organizations	
☞ Deaf	☞ Speech to Speech Users (STS)
☞ Hard-of-hearing (VCO Users)	☞ Hispanic Users
☞ Speech-disabled (HCO Users)	☞ Business within Oklahoma
☞ Late deafened adults	☞ People with no hearing loss
☞ Parents of deaf, hard of hearing, and speech disabled children	☞ Other Potential Users of Oklahoma Relay Service
☞ Senior Citizens	☞ Oklahoma School for the Deaf
☞ Community Center/Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	☞ Oklahoma School for the Deaf Alumni Association
☞ Vocational Rehabilitative Services	☞ Oklahoma Public Schools – Elementary, Middle, and High Schools
☞ TSHA Center	☞ Oklahoma Rehabilitation Service Commissions
☞ Oklahoma Association of the Deaf	☞ Oklahoma Universities & Colleges
☞ Self Help for the Hard-of-Hearing	

Appendix T: Copy of Legislation or Other Establishing TRS in the State

§63-2417. Duties and responsibilities of State Department of Rehabilitation Services.

The State Department of Rehabilitation Services is hereby directed to:

1. Provide for the availability, distribution and maintenance, at no cost to qualified individuals with hearing or speech disabilities, or both, telecommunication devices and ring-signaling devices compatible with the telecommunications relay services for deaf or hard-of-hearing and speech-impaired individuals requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and regulations promulgated thereunder; and

2. Design and implement a needs assessment test so that individuals with hearing or speech disabilities, or both, are benefited by this program. Provided, however, that no equipment and maintenance shall be provided without charge for those individuals meeting more than two hundred percent (200%) of the income guidelines for food stamps. The State Department of Rehabilitation Services shall develop a sliding scale to provide equipment and maintenance to individuals exceeding the needs test specified by this paragraph.

Added by Laws 1986, c. 183, § 2, eff. July 1, 1986. Amended by Laws 1993, c. 364, § 19, emerg. eff. June 11, 1993; Laws 1994, c. 315, § 13, eff. July 1, 1994; Laws 1998, c. 246, § 25, eff. Nov. 1, 1998.

§63-2418. Telephone access line surcharge - Telecommunications for the Hearing Impaired Revolving Fund.

A. There is hereby imposed a surcharge of five cents (\$0.05) per local exchange telephone access line per month to pay for the equipment and maintenance program provided for in Section 2417 of this title and to provide for other needed services for the deaf, severely hard-of-hearing, severely speech-impaired and deaf-blind programs administered through the Department of Rehabilitation Services, such surcharge to be paid by each local exchange subscriber to local telephone service in this state, unless such subscriber is otherwise exempt from taxation.

B. The surcharge shall be collected on the regular monthly bill by each local exchange telephone company operating in this state and shall be remitted quarterly to the Oklahoma Tax Commission no later than fifteen (15) days following the end of each quarter.

C. There is hereby created in the State Treasury the Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Revolving Fund. The fund shall consist of monies imposed in subsection A of this section. All monies accruing to the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department of Rehabilitation Services. The fund shall be a continuing fund not subject to fiscal year limitations and expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims submitted to the Director of State Finance for the purpose of implementation of this act.

Added by Laws 1986, c. 183, § 3, eff. July 1, 1986. Amended by Laws 1987, c. 5, § 140, operative March 31, 1987; Laws 1987, c. 196, § 17, operative July 1, 1987; Laws 1994, c. 315, § 14, eff. July 1, 1994; Laws 1998, c. 246, § 26, eff. Nov. 1, 1998.

§63-2418.1. Certified local exchange telephone companies - Compliance with federal legislation - Assessment of surcharge.

Each certified local exchange telephone company shall comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and

regulations promulgated thereunder relating to telecommunications relay services for deaf and hard-of-hearing and speech-impaired individuals and shall assess a surcharge to each customer on a per line per month basis to recover the costs associated with such compliance and advise the Commission of any changes.

Added by Laws 1994, c. 315, § 15, eff. July 1, 1994. Amended by Laws 1998, c. 246, § 27, eff. Nov. 1, 1998.

§63-2419. Collection of revenues to cease under certain conditions.

If the revenues collected under this act exceed the costs of operating the program provided for in this act, and if such excess at any time equals the three-year average of expenditures under this act then such collections shall cease until one half of such surplus has been exhausted.

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BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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OF OKLAHOMA

APPLICATION OF THE OKLAHOMA LOCAL)
EXCHANGE CARRIERS FOR APPROVAL TO)
RECOVER COSTS INCURRED IN PROVIDING) CAUSE PUD NO. 930 001568
INTRASTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
RELAY SERVICES.)

APPLICATION

Come now the Applicants in the above-styled and numbered Cause and for their application to recover the costs incurred in providing intrastate telecommunications relay services allege and state as follows:

1. Parties. Applicants consist of virtually all Local Exchange Carriers ("LECs") providing local exchange telephone service and other telecommunications services throughout the State of Oklahoma. Attached hereto and made a party hereof as Appendix "A" is a list of the names and addresses of each of the Applicants in this Cause.

2. Allegations of Fact. Title IV of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), § 225 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 225; and §§ 64.601-64.608 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 47 C.F.R. §§ 64.601-64.608; require that each common carrier that provides telephone voice transmission services shall, no later than July 16, 1993, provide telecommunications relay service ("TRS") individually, through designees, through a competitively selected vendor, or in concert with the other carriers throughout the area in which it offers service. The intent of Section 225 of the Communications Act ("Section 225") is to further the Communication Act's goal of universal service by providing to individuals with hearing or speech disabilities telephone services that are functionally equivalent to those provided to individuals without hearing or speech disabilities.

From 1986 until the present, a TRS type service has been provided in Oklahoma by the Department of Human Services ("DHS"); and the subsequently created Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation

Services ("DRS"), pursuant to authority and obligation established under the Telecommunications for The Hearing-Impaired Act passed by the Oklahoma Legislature and made effective July 1, 1986.

Since the time Section 225 was passed in 1990, each Oklahoma LEC has relied on the DRS program as a method to fulfill its individual obligation to provide TRS under Section 225. Each LEC assumed that by virtue of the DRS program it would be in compliance with Section 225 on the July 26, 1993, deadline date.

However, only a few weeks before July 26, 1993, the LECs were made aware that the DRS program did not meet Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") requirements. Therefore, none of the LECs were in compliance with Section 225, nor could they achieve compliance by July 26, 1993.

In August each LEC was notified by the FCC's enforcement division that the LEC must explain why it is not in compliance with section 225, and the steps being taken to achieve compliance. The FCC's letter noted that failure to comply with Section 225 subjects a common carrier to substantial forfeitures of up to \$100,000 for each violation or each day of continuing violation, up to a total of \$1,000,000 for a continuing violation.

Since that notification by the FCC, industry meetings have been conducted and bids have been solicited and received from vendors interested in providing TRS in Oklahoma. The bids are being analyzed at the present time. Applicants believe that contracting with a vendor to provide TRS in Oklahoma is the quickest and most cost effective way to achieve compliance with the requirements of Section 225. The FCC has been notified by the LECs of these steps that have been taken toward compliance.

It is the intent of the LECs to select a single entity to serve as billing agent for the vendor. That entity will receive the monthly bill from the vendor and will allocate the costs of the service to each telecommunications company in the state obligated under Section 225 to provide TRS. Each company's bill will be calculated pursuant to an equation to be developed by the billing

agent for purposes of determining the ratios for allocating the monthly costs of TRS to each telecommunications company using the vendor's service.

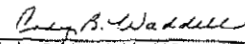
It is estimated by the LECs that the cost to provide TRS in Oklahoma by a vendor selected through the bidding process will equate to less than eight cents per month per telephone access line. The LECs propose to recover by approved tariff each LEC's allocated portion of the vendor's cost by assessing customers a monthly per access line fee.

3. Legal Authority. The Corporation Commission has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to the provisions of Article IX, § 18 of the Oklahoma Constitution; 17 O. S. § 131 et seq; and the Commission's General Rules and Regulations Governing the Operations of Telephone Companies and Telecommunications in Oklahoma.

4. Relief Sought. Applicants seek an order of the Commission allowing the LECs to file tariffs to recover monthly each LEC's allocated portion of the monthly bill submitted to the billing agent by the TRS vendor. The tariff will provide for recovery by allowing each LEC to assess its customers a monthly per access line fee.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Applicants pray that after notice given as determined appropriate by the Commission, that this matter be set for hearing, and that an order be issued as quickly as possible granting the application as requested, thereby allowing each local exchange carrier to recover its allocated portion of the vendor's costs of providing the telecommunications relay services mandated by Title IV of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.

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APPENDIX "A"

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Little Rock, AR 72203
(501) 661-8000

Atlas Telephone Company
P. O. Box 77
Big Cabin, OK 74012
(918) 783-5111

Beggs Telephone Company
5th & Choctaw
Beggs, OK 74421
(918) 267-1616

Sixby Telephone Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 98
Sixby, OK 74068
(918) 366-8101

Canadian Valley Tele. Co.
Access Road 69 Highway
Crowder, OK 74430
(918) 334-1700

Carnegie Telephone Company
1st & Colorado
Carnegie, OK 73015
(405) 654-1002

Central Oklahoma Tele. Company
221 Broadway
Davenport, OK 74026
(918) 377-2241

Cherokee Telephone Company
Service Road & McKinley
Calera, OK 74730
(405) 434-5175

Chickasaw Telephone Company
124 W. Vinita
P. O. Box 460
Sulphur, OK 73086-0460
(405) 622-3111

Chouteau Telephone Company
P.O. Box 909
Chouteau, OK 74337
(918) 476-8111

Cimarron Telephone Company
101 Cimarron Street
Mannford, OK 74044
(918) 865-1311

Cross Telephone Company
704 3rd Avenue
Warner, OK 74469
(918) 461-2921

Grand Telephone Company
 P. O. Box 308
 Jay, OK 74346
 (918) 253-43231

GTE Southwest, Inc.
 500 E. Carpenter Freeway
 Irving, TX 75015-2013
 (214) 717-1811

Hinton Telephone Company
 200 W. Main
 Hinton, OK 73047-1040
 (405) 542-1262

Kanokla Telephone Association
 100 Kanokla Avenue
 P.O. Box 111
 Caldwell, KS 67022
 (316) 845-3682

Lavaca Telephone Company
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 Lavaca, AR 72941
 (501) 674-2211

McCloud Telephone Company
 11419 N. Broadway Ext., Suite 100
 Oklahoma City, OK 73114
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Medicine Park Telephone Co.
 P.O. Box 171
 Medicine Park, OK 73157
 (405) 529-3700

Mid America Telephone, Inc.
 P. O. Box 7
 Stonewall, OK 74871
 (405) 265-4212

Oklahoma Communications Systems, Inc.
 101 S. Westfield Road
 P.O. Box 5901
 Madison, WI 53705
 (608) 845-4000

Oklahoma Telephone and Telegraph
 P. O. Box 1906000
 Austin, OK 74839
 (918) 656-3231

Oklahoma Western Telephone Co.
 P.O. Box 199
 Clayton, OK 74536
 (918) 569-4111

Panhandle Telephone Co., Inc.
 602 S. Main
 Guyton, OK 73942
 (405) 118-2556

Pine Telephone Company
 P. O. Box 748
 Broken Bow, OK 74728
 (405) 584-1355

Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
 P. O. Box 119
 Kingfisher, OK 73750
 (405) 375-4474

Pottawatomie Telephone Company
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 Earlsboro, OK 74840
 (405) 997-3101

Salina-Spavinaw Telephone Company
 1200 East Kelly Drive, Suite 410
 Tulsa, OK 74133
 (918) 496-8166

Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
 1401 Main Street
 Vernon, TX 76384
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Shidler Telephone Company
 120 Broadway
 Shidler, OK 74652
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South Central Telephone Association, Inc.
 P.O. Box 170
 Medicine Lodge, KS 67104
 (316) 886-5629

Southwest Oklahoma Tele. Co.
 Duke, OK 73532
 (405) 679-3345

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.
 One Bell Central
 800 N. Harvey
 Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Terral Telephone Company
 220 W. Wilshire, Suite F-1
 Oklahoma City, OK 73116
 (405) 842-1764

Totah Telephone Company, Inc.
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 Ochelata, OK 74051
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Valliant Telephone Company
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 dha Oklahoma Communication Systems - Wyandotte
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APPENDIX B

BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

APPLICATION OF THE OKLAHOMA)
LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS FOR)
APPROVAL TO RECOVER COSTS) CAUSE PUD NO. 930001568
INCURRED IN PROVIDING)
INTRASTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
RELAY SERVICES.)

STIPULATION

This Stipulation and Settlement Agreement ("Stipulation") is made this 13th day of October, 1993, by and between the undersigned Oklahoma Local Exchange Carriers ("LECs" or "Applicants") the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services ("DRS") and the Staff of the Public Utility Division ("Staff") of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission ("Commission").

WHEREAS, Applicants filed the above styled and numbered application on September 13, 1993, and the parties to this Stipulation are all parties to this Cause.

WHEREAS, Applicants consist of virtually all LECs providing local exchange telephone service and other telecommunications services throughout the State of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, the Telecommunications for the Hearing-Impaired Act ("the Act"), effective July 1, 1986, directed the Department of Human Services ("DHS") and the subsequently created DRS to design and implement a program ("the DRS program") whereby third party intervention shall connect the deaf, severely hearing-impaired, severely speech-impaired or deaf-blind persons with persons of normal hearing by way of intercommunication devices and the telephone system.

WHEREAS, the Act imposed a surcharge to be paid by each local exchange subscriber to telephone service of five cents (\$0.05) per local exchange telephone access line per month, except as exempted, to fund the DRS program.

WHEREAS, the DRS program is currently in operation and the five cents surcharge is currently being collected by the LECs and remitted to the Oklahoma Tax Commission in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

WHEREAS, Title IV of the Americans With Disabilities Act of

1990 ("ADA") §225 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §225 ("Section 225"), and §§ 64.601-64.608 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 47 C.F.R. §§ 64.601-64.608; requires that each common carrier that provides telephone voice transmission services shall, no later than July 26, 1993, provide telecommunications relay service ("TRS") individually, through designees, through a competitively selected vendor, or in concert with the other carriers throughout the area in which it offers service; the intent of Section 225 being to further the Communications Act's goal of universal service by providing to individuals with hearing or speech disabilities telephone services that are functionally equivalent to those provided to individuals without hearing or speech disabilities.

WHEREAS, since the time Section 225 was passed in 1990, each Oklahoma LEC has relied on the DRS program as a method to fulfill its individual obligation to provide TRS under Section 225, and each LEC believed that by virtue of the DRS program it would be in compliance with Section 225 on the July 26, 1993, deadline date.

WHEREAS, in fact, only a few weeks before July 26, 1993, the LECs were made aware that the DRS program did not meet Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") requirements, nor could it be modified in time to meet FCC requirements; and that therefore none of the LECs were in compliance with Section 225, nor could they achieve compliance by July 26, 1993.

WHEREAS, in August, 1993, each LEC was notified by the FCC's enforcement division that each respective LEC must explain why it is not in compliance with Section 225 and the steps being taken to achieve compliance, and that failure to comply with Section 225 subjects a common carrier to substantial forfeitures of up to \$100,000 for each violation or each day of continuing violation, up to a total of \$1,000,000 for a continuing violation.

WHEREAS, as a result of that FCC notification, industry meetings were conducted and Applicants determined that the quickest

and most cost effective way to achieve compliance with the requirements of Section 225 would be to contract with an experienced vendor, whose telecommunications relay service is ADA and FCC compliant, to provide TRS in Oklahoma; that the Oklahoma Telephone Association ("OTA") solicited bids from known vendors of TRS service; that four vendors responded with proposals; and that based on those competitive bids a contract has been entered into between the OTA and the lowest bidder, US Telecom, d/b/a Sprint Services, a subsidiary of Sprint Corporation ("Sprint") pursuant to which Sprint will provide, as the OTA's designee, a statewide TRS in conjunction with its nationwide TRS, through which hearing-impaired and speech-impaired persons are provided with access to the telecommunications network in the United States that is functionally equivalent to that provided to other telecommunications customers; that the service will be implemented no later than November 15, 1993; that the components of Sprint's TRS will meet or exceed the minimum operational and technical requirements of the FCC's regulations, Part 64.604 for TRS; and that as designee of the OTA, through Sprint's provision of TRS in Oklahoma all LECs will thereby achieve compliance with Section 225.

WHEREAS, Applicants seek an order of the Commission allowing the LECs to file tariffs to recover monthly by a per access line fee, each LEC's allocated portion of the monthly bill submitted to the OTA by Sprint for providing TRS.

NOW, THEREFORE, the LECs, DRS and Staff agree and stipulate as follows:

1. Title IV of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 mandates that by July 26, 1993, all common carriers in Oklahoma shall provide TRS throughout the area in which each offers service.
2. Currently the LECs in Oklahoma are not in full compliance with the new ADA requirements.
3. To achieve compliance and avoid substantial fines being levied by the FCC against each LEC, the OTA, as designee for the

Oklahoma LECs, has entered into a contract with Sprint pursuant to which Sprint will provide TRS in Oklahoma.

4. Through Sprint's provision of TRS in Oklahoma as the designee of the OTA, the Oklahoma LECs will thereby achieve compliance with Section 225 and the FCC rules.

5. Access to Sprint's Oklahoma Relay Center will be through the two existing toll free numbers currently available to users of the DRS program: the DRS will transfer the availability of those numbers to Sprint, thereby making the transition from the DRS program to Sprint's telecommunications relay service transparent to users of the service.

6. At the time Sprint's TRS service is implemented in Oklahoma, the DRS will terminate the service it now provides under the Telecommunications For The Hearing Impaired Act; except that DRS will continue to provide equipment and maintenance to qualified individuals in accordance with pertinent provisions of the Act, funded by the current five cents surcharge imposed by the Act.

7. Sprint will process all local calls, and all intrastate long-distance and interstate long-distance calls regardless of which long-distance carrier serves the user; long-distance callers will be allowed to choose long-distance carriers from those who respond to Sprint's carrier of choice plan.

8. Sprint will bill the OTA each month for its service and the OTA will allocate the charge to each individual LEC based on access lines; each LEC will remit payment to the OTA which will in turn forward payment to Sprint.

9. Each LEC will recover its allocated portion of Sprint's charge to provide TRS by assessing its customers a monthly per access line fee in accordance with the provisions of the tariff attached hereto and made a part hereof as Attachment "A".

10. Under the tariff, for purposes of calculating the initial monthly per access line fee, the annual assessment amount shall be calculated utilizing Sprint's per minute of use contract price, an

assumption of 25,000 calls per month of an average duration of 7 minutes per call, and the aggregate number of LEC access lines; in any event the monthly per access line fee for the first year shall not exceed eight cents and any over or under recovered balance in any year shall be carried forward to the following contract year in accordance with the tariff.

11. The Interexchange Carriers providing toll service in Oklahoma shall not be assessed any amount of Sprint's monthly charge but will be subject to the monthly per access line fee, or its equivalent, to the extent they subscribe to the LECs' services.

12. The parties agree to actively pursue, in cooperation with any other interested party, legislation that will amend the Telecommunications For The Hearing-Impaired Act to whatever extent necessary to reconcile any duplication of obligations resulting from the state directive and the federal mandate; and will address the proper method of funding TRS and funding the equipment and maintenance service provided to qualifying individuals by the DRS.

13. The service provided by the DRS and the future TRS to be provided by Sprint is a praiseworthy and deserving service for deaf, severely hearing-impaired, severely speech-impaired or deaf-blind persons; granting the LECs' application and approval of this Stipulation will be in the public interest and will represent a balancing of the needs and interests of the public, the users of the service and the parties to this Stipulation.

14. In the event this Stipulation is not accepted in its entirety without condition or modification by the Commission, it shall be null and void and no party shall be bound by any of its provisions.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned LECs, DRS and Commission Staff respectively submit this Stipulation to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission and request its approval.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE

1. Application of Tariff

The regulations, rates and charges in this section are in addition to the regulations, rates and charges in other Telephone Company Tariffs.

2. General Regulations

2.1 Title IV of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) §225 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § and §§64.601-64.609 of the Code of Federal Regulations, requires that each common carrier that provides telephone voice transmission services shall, no later than July 25, 1993, provide telecommunications relay service (TRS).

2.2 TRS includes centers staffed by Communication Assistants who relay conversations between users of a Text Telephone (TTY) or other non-voice communications device and users of voice terminal equipment. Unless otherwise required by law, these Communication Assistants shall not disclose the content of any relayed conversation.

2.3 TRS shall be accessible by dialing a toll-free number that shall be published within the customer call guide pages of the Telephone Company's white page directories.

2.4 The message between the calling party's service point and the called party's service shall be rated under the Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service Tariff without regard to the intermediate TRS relay center.

3. Description of Service

3.1 TRS provides communications between an individual who has a hearing or speech impairment and another individual who may not have such an impairment.

3.2 TRS normally utilizes a TTY or other non-voice communications terminal device and an individual who utilizes a voice communications terminal device.

3.3 TRS is capable of handling all classes of Station-to-Station calls in addition to Person-to-Person calls.

4. Application of Rates

4.1 The recovery of the total intrastate costs will be by monthly fees which shall be applied to each exchange access line and/or arrangement in addition to the monthly rate for basic exchange service.

4.2 Calculation of Rates

A. The total intrastate cost to provide TRS will be established under the oversight of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

B. The total intrastate costs used for a fiscal year shall be adjusted by a true-up of any over or under recovery of respective intrastate costs from the prior fiscal year.

C. The recovery of the total intrastate costs will be accomplished over the fiscal year, adjusted by the prior years true-up outlined in paragraph 4.2.B, for which the costs are incurred.

D. The amount of the monthly fee shall be derived by the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Total Intrastate TRS Costs +/- Prior Year's Over/Under Recovery}}{\text{Total Intrastate Exchange Access Lines or Arrangements}} \div 12$$

4.3 Fee

Monthly fee per exchange access line or arrangement \$0.08

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Issued:

By DREW A. ROY, President - Oklahoma
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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APPENDIX B

BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

APPLICATION OF THE OKLAHOMA LOCAL) CAUSE PUD NO. 930001568
EXCHANGE CARRIERS FOR APPROVAL TO)
RECOVER COSTS INCURRED IN PROVIDING)
INTRASTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELATED)
SERVICES.) ORDER NO. 3771-15

Hearing: October 13, 1993, before the Commission En Banc

Appearances: (See Official Record.)

By the Commission:

The Corporation Commission of the State of Oklahoma being regularly in session and the undersigned Commissioners being present and participating, this Cause comes on for consideration of the application of the Oklahoma Local Exchange Carriers ("LECs") for approval to recover costs incurred in providing intrastate Telecommunication Relay Services ("TRS").

Summary of Proceeding

The LECs' application was filed on September 13, 1993. The application was specially set before the Commission en banc, and after proper notice came on for hearing on the above mentioned date.

At the time of hearing Staff counsel announced that the parties to the Cause had entered into a Stipulation for purposes of resolving the issue raised by the LECs' application, and that the parties request that the Commission approve said Stipulation as its disposition of this Cause.

The Stipulation was sponsored and explained by witness Kendall W. Parrish, Telecommunications Coordinator, Public Utility Division of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Mr. Parrish recommended that the Stipulation, as signed by the parties to the Stipulation, be approved by order of the Commission.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

Upon full and fair consideration of the record in this Cause and being well and fully advised in the premises, the Corporation Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

Proper notice was given in this Cause by publication as ordered by the Commission.

The Commission has jurisdiction of this Cause by virtue of the provisions of Article IX, § 18 of the Oklahoma Constitution; 17 O.S. § 131 et seq; and the Commission's General Rules and Regulations Governing the Operations of Telephone Companies and Telecommunications in Oklahoma.

The Commission finds that the Stipulation attached hereto and made a part hereof, is a fair, reasonable and equitable disposition of this application.

The Commission further finds that Title IV of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA") mandates that by July 26, 1993, all common carriers in Oklahoma shall provide TRS, but that currently the LECs in Oklahoma are not in full compliance with the new ADA requirements or Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") regulations.

The Commission further finds that the LECs have solicited bids from known vendors of TRS service; that four vendors responded with proposals; and that based on those bids, an agreement for the provision of TRS has been reached between the Oklahoma Telephone Association ("OTA") as designee of the LECs and the lowest bidder, U.S. Telecom d/b/a Sprint Services, a subsidiary of Sprint Corporation ("Sprint").

The Commission further finds that pursuant to that contract Sprint will provide, as the OTA's designee, a statewide TRS in conjunction with its nationwide TRS, through which hearing-impaired and speech-impaired persons are provided with access to the telecommunications network in the United States that is functionally equivalent to that provided to other telecommunications customers.

The Commission further finds that the components of Sprint's TRS will meet or exceed the minimum operational and technical requirements of the FCC's regulations, Part 54.604 for TRS; and that as designee of the OTA, through Sprint's provision of TRS in Oklahoma all LECs will thereby achieve compliance with the ADA.

The Commission further finds that at the time Sprint's TRS service is implemented in Oklahoma, the DRS will terminate the service it now provides under the Oklahoma Telecommunications for the Hearing Impaired Act; except that Department of Rehabilitative Services ("DRS") will continue to provide equipment and maintenance to qualified individuals in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the Act, funded by the current five cents surcharge imposed by the Act.

The Commission further finds that access to Sprint's Oklahoma Relay Center will be through the two existing toll-free numbers currently available to users of the DRS program; the DRS will transfer the availability of those numbers to Sprint, thereby making a transition from the DRS program to Sprint's telecommunications relay service transparent to users of the service.

The Commission further finds that Sprint will bill the OTA each month for its services and the OTA will allocate the charge to each individual LEC based on access lines; each LEC will be responsible for its share of the charges and will remit payment to the OTA which will in turn forward payment to Sprint.

The Commission further finds that the Interexchange Company providing toll service in Oklahoma should not be assessed any amount of Sprint's monthly charge unless so ordered by the Commission in the future, but will be subject to the monthly per access line fee, or its equivalent, to the extent they subscribe to the LECs' services. Sprint will process all local calls, and all intrastate long-distance and interstate long-distance calls regardless of which long-distance carrier serves the user; long-distance callers will be allowed to choose long-distance carriers from those who respond to Sprint's carrier of choice plan.

The Commission further finds that the tariffs in the form attached to the Stipulation and made a part thereof as Attachment

"A" should be approved and each LEC authorized to recover its allocated portion of Sprint's charge to provide TRS by assessing its customers a statewide uniform monthly per access line fee in accordance with the provisions of said tariffs.

The Commission further finds that approval of the Stipulation is in the public interest and will represent a balancing of the needs and interest of the public, the common carriers providing telecommunications services in Oklahoma, the users of the service and the parties to the Stipulation.

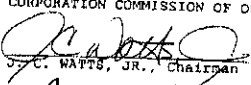
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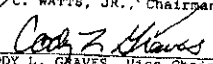
IT IS THEREFORE THE ORDER OF THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA that the Stipulation attached hereto and made a part hereof be and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Commission as its disposition of this Cause.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each Applicant is hereby authorized to recover its allocated portion of the charge of the TRS provider, by assessing its customers the statewide uniform monthly per access line fee in accordance with the provision of the tariff approved herein and attached to the Stipulation and made a part thereof as Attachment "A".

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicants shall file original tariff schedules, which substantially comply with the provisions of Attachment "A" to the Stipulation, for approval by the Public Utility Division to become effective on and after the date of approval.

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA


J. C. WATTS, JR., Chairman


CODY L. GRAVES, Vice Chairman

DISSENT (Dissenting Opinion Attached)
BOB ANTHONY, Commissioner


DONE AND PERFORMED THIS 13TH DAY OF October, 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


CHARLOTTE W. FLANAGAN, Secretary

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TO: OTA Board of Directors
OTA Member Companies
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Bob Stafford 
Executive Vice President
Oklahoma Telephone Association

DATE: March 7, 2007

RE: Revision of TRS Fee in Oklahoma

As indicated in correspondence you received from the Oklahoma Telephone Association dated January 8, 2007 regarding the above, attached is the filed and stamped approval from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission of the TRS rate revision.

The rate of \$0.04 replaces the rate of \$0.06 and is effective March 1, 2007. Attached is a new rate reporting sheet for your monthly payments.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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**Oklahoma Telephone Association
TRS Fund
Rate Effective March 1, 2007**

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Reporting Month: _____

Exchange	Access Lines	Amount Collected
_____	_____ X .04	_____
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Total		_____

Please make check payable to "OTA/TRS Fund"

Remit to: *Oklahoma Telephone Association*
301 N.W. 63rd St., Ste. 410
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116

Signed: _____

Phone# : _____

Print Name: _____